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SUBJ: INTERVIEW REQUESTED BY CBS FILM TEAM

- 1. CBS TEAM OF LEE RICHENTHAL, PAUL GREENBERG AND MARLENE SAUNDERS HERE FOR HALF-HOUR TELEVISION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, MOST LIKELY PREMIER AND MOFA FRED CHIEN, AND OTHER PROMINENT FIGURES, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. CBS WANTS TO QUESTION AMBASSADOR "ON CAMERA" REGARDING TAIWAN'S MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SITUATION.
 RICHENTHAL SAYS QUESTIONS WILL INCLUDE ASSESSMENT POLITICAL SITUATION NOW AND IN EVENT NORMALIZATION ACCOMPLISHED. CBS ALSO REQUESTING EMBASSY ARRANGE
 "ON CAMERA" INTERVIEW WITH U.S. MILITARY SPOKESMAN GIVING ASSESSMENT ROC MILITARY STRENGTH.
- 2. AMBASSADOR IS DISPOSED TO AGREE TO BRIEF "ON CAMERA" INTERVIEW ON CONDITION QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED ARE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE AND ON UNDERSTANDING THERE MAY BE SOME HE WILL NOT FEEL ABLE TO ADDRESS, SUCH AS SPECULATION ON TIMING OF NORMALIZATION OR WHAT ITS ARRANGELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT LIKELY TO BE. AMBASSADOR DOES NOT BELIEVE U.S. MILITARY OR OTHER OFFICIALS HERE SHOULD GIVE PUBLIC ASSESSMENT OF ROC MILITARY STRENGTH.

3. DEPARTMENT'S EARLY VIEWS SOLICITED SINCE CBS
TEAM ALREADY PRESENT AND PRESSING FOR ANSWERS. UNGER

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